

City officials still fighting to stop injection well

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus officials are doing everything possible to prevent two hazardous waste injection wells from becoming operational, according to Economic Development Director Tim Keyes.

However, the avenues left open are becoming few and far between. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced last month that it would renew the underground injection control permits for Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS).

The permits will allow EDS to dispose of hazardous liquid waste by injecting it into the two wells.

One major hurdle still in the way of EDS is the requirement of an operating license from the State of Michigan to dump the waste. That license is still under review by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), according to Keyes.

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Officials from both Romulus and Taylor have written a formal letter of objection to the MDEQ about the issuance of an operating license to EDS.

The letter contains 12 concerns that city officials see as serious problems with an approval of the license, said Keyes.

Among these are concerns over site access, the storage of hazardous waste and combustible materials in railroad cars and the fact that there is no need for the well, to begin with.

"We actually looked at the viability in this area of this well," said Keyes. "We found that there is no necessity for

it. The closest well to us is located in Ohio and that well is only operating at 30 percent capacity. So based on the lack of use of existing facilities, we find that there is no need for this well."

Many state and local representatives have tried to stop EDS from pumping hazardous material into the wells for more than 12 years.

Earlier this year, Sunoco Oil filed a petition with the EPA asking them to reconsider an exemption issued to EDS in March.

The exemption freed EDS from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for the two injection wells, which are located in the city of Romulus.

Environmental Disposal Systems, a company that disposes of hazardous waste, would use the wells, which are about 4,200 feet below the surface, to hold hazardous liquid wastes-including acids and heavy metals like mercury, chromium and nickel.

But Sunoco has received all the necessary permits from the state to operate brine disposal and extraction wells in the same formation as EDS.

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On the move

The Wabash Freight building, a turn of the century structure was recently moved from the curve on Goddard Road to the Historical Park for preservation and restoration. The project was made possible with Community Development Block Grant funding. Councilman Bill Crova, left, Historical Society President Pearl Varner and City Treasurer Pam Kersey look on as the building is moved to the park.



Romulus resident asks for help to get married

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As anyone who has ever planned a wedding knows, the months leading up to the actual ceremony are filled with hundreds of decisions and dozens of stressful situations.

But for Martie Casmer, the months leading up to her scheduled Oct. 9 wedding day were more than she ever expected. Of course she hardly expected the U.S. border patrol to get involved.

Casmer, a life-long resident of Romulus, met Juan Roberto Villeda-Guerra, while working as a general manager at Max & Erma's restaurant in Livonia.

He asked Casmer out for months, but there was no way the two could date because management was not allowed to date the

staff, Casmer said.

A couple of weeks later, Vidella quit and the two quickly began dating.

It's not exactly an uncommon story, but for Casmer and Vidella one thing was different: Vidella was a Guatemalan citizen working in the U.S. on a visa.

He came to the U.S. 1996 with many family members to find a better life. They all entered the country legally, first with visitation visas, that were later upgraded to working visas.

On Christmas Eve last year, Vidella asked Casmer to marry him in front of her entire family.

The two set the wedding date for Oct. 9.

As he prepared for his impending nuptials, Vidella forgot to renew his visa. When the

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Romulus High School fails to achieve federal Annual Yearly Progress standards

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According to the Michigan Department of Education Adequate Yearly Progress reports (AYP), a large number of state high schools aren't making the grade.

On tests taken last spring, 436 Michigan high schools - 47 percent statewide - didn't score high enough, test enough students or graduate enough seniors to meet standards under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, according to 2004 School Report Cards released Thursday. That's up from 33 percent in 2003.

Romulus High School failed to meet AYP requirements.

The goal of the No Child Left Behind program is to close the achievement gap by gradually raising standards until 2014 when all students must be proficient in math and reading. Schools that receive federal money and fail to meet the standards face penalties that include having to provide tutoring.

Schools can fail for a number of reasons, from not enough students taking the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test to poor scores.

While the number of high school students taking the MEAP

test increased this past year, 110 schools still did not reach the federal requirement that 95 percent of all their juniors take the test - causing 21 otherwise high-performing high schools to not make AYP for that reason alone.

One of the schools that received a grade of B was Wayne Memorial High School. Wayne was also one of the schools that didn't make AYP. And the district superintendent said he believes this system is terribly flawed.

"It's ludicrous," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland Community Schools superintendent. "Michigan shot itself in the foot, here."

Baracy may have a point. In the four areas in which students are tested: English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies; Belleville High School, which did make AYP, had marks of F, F, D, D, respectively. Wayne Memorial got Cs across the board.

"I think when parents look at the grade, they'll understand that's not a reflection of the whole school," Baracy said. "But we have to help those students make the grades. We have to lift them up."

Part of the reason more schools failed is because more were included on report cards

this year, thus more are being caught by the federal rules, which include requiring all students to perform well regardless of race, economic status or disability.

State Schools Superintendent Tom Watkins could not be reached for comment.

Baracy said Wayne did make AYP. However, because sub-groups became a component this year, Wayne received a failing grade in the report. Baracy added that of 66 students in one sub-group, four didn't make proficiency at Wayne.

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Fischer Library plans special holiday programs

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Staff Writer

During the next month, the holidays will come alive at the Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville.

The library will host holiday storytime Nov. 15 through Dec. 13 for preschool children and toddlers. Kelly Skinner, youth services librarian, said that the programs are designed to show children what the library is made of.

"The library is a fun place to read and we want to show the kids that," said Skinner. "Reading doesn't always have to be a quiet activity."

For preschool children, the

program will include a variety of stories, poems, crafts and more. Children ages 3-6 can attend the five programs at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. Nov. 24 and at 7 p.m. Nov. 29. Each week children will be invited into different theme worlds by repetition, hand motions, and craft making with parents, according to Skinner.

"The children will be able to participate in every story," she said. "The purpose is to stimulate children's interest and reinforce listening and speaking skills, improve hand and eye coordination, experience group dynamics, and, most importantly, to have fun."

Although Skinner has various Thanksgiving and winter stories in mind, she said she can definitely say that some holiday favorites such as "Emma Jean's Antlers" will be on the storytime list.

Skinner said that the preschool program will also increase creativity, stimulate their imagination, contribute to background knowledge of many other subjects areas, improve attention span and self-esteem and nurture emotional development.

The toddler storytime program gives children the opportunity to get the whole family involved in the

reading process. Children and parents will sit on the 'storytime rug' as they take part in short stories, sing-a-longs, fingerplays and action rhymes with the librarian. The program is for toddler's ages 2-3 and will include four programs: at both 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Nov. 11 and 18.

"What's great about this program is the whole family can participate," said Skinner. "It makes it even more fun and helpful to learn when the parents are involved."

Santa will also make a trip from the North Pole to the library from 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 15. Children can visit with him in a relaxed,

quiet setting as they listen to dulcimer music and read holiday stories. A special treat will be given to each child, said Skinner.

A drop-in craft day will take place from 2-8 p.m. on Dec. 22 while children are out on school break.

"These programs are a good alternative to TV and computers for entertainment, Skinner added. "They create positive feelings about the library and books and develop a lifelong love of reading."

For more information about the free programs, or to register, visit the library at 167 Fourth St. or call 734-699-3291.

Chamber of Commerce to host annual city Christmas parade

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Christmas parade at 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at Belleville High School.

Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. and a traveling trophy will be awarded for the Best Business Entry presented by the Grand Marshal. The parade will follow at 11 a.m. traveling east down W. Columbia, then north on Main Street ending on Roys Street.

This year's theme will be "A Musical Christmas." Two \$50 prizes and a trophy will be awarded. One to the Belleville Area Schools, and another one to all other

groups, clubs, organizations and churches.

Each unit must provide its own banner or sign stating the name of the sponsor. Santas are not allowed on floats and no candy can thrown while on the parade route.

Distribution of any literature is prohibited and all animal units must provide a "clean-up" detail.

To enter, mail or fax a parade registration form no later than tomorrow.

For more information, or to receive an entry form, contact the chamber of commerce at 734-697-7151.

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Young musician hopes to help Yankee Air Museum

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Staff Writer

Jason Hartless Jr., a resident of Fraser, just released his first CD *First Division* and, instead of spending his earnings on toys, treats and other things that other 10-year-old boys like to buy, he decided to donate all of the proceeds to the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville.

"I have memories of going there and watching all the planes go by and meeting all the different veterans and pilots," he said. "I wanted to do something for them."

The fire that destroyed the old museum began sometime around 6:30 p.m. July 9. By about 7:05 p.m. the entire hangar was engulfed, destroying the collection of artifacts, photos, books and other World War I and II memorabilia. The tragedy struck a chord with the young musician.

"When he found out about the museum he ran down the

stairs to tell me. It really upset him and that's how I knew how much it meant to him," said his father, Jason. "So we called up the museum and told them what Jason wanted to do. They couldn't have been more excited."

"It was the best phone call we've received and I was lucky enough to get it from Jason's dad," said Debbie Stewart, events coordinator at the Yankee Air Museum.

It may not sound like a typical response for a 10-year-old, but Jason Jr. is not typical, his father said. He learned to play drums before he could walk.

"Some kids go in a crib and cry, but he picked up drumsticks," said Hartless.

By age 5, he played with adult rock groups and a year later, he could play everything from 1940s jazz, swing to heavy metal hard rock and did so in various area clubs.

"He has a passion for any kind of music," said Hartless.



Jason Hartless Jr.

That passion shined through and drew in Corky Lang, the drummer from Mountain, Richie Scarlet, the lead guitarist with the Ace Frehley Band and Tommy Cluefetos, the drummer for Ted Nugent and Alice Cooper, to contribute to the making of his CD.

Since the younger Hartless is interested in history, his CD mixes together rock 'n' roll and history. His most powerful song

on the album, *Letters from the Front*, incorporates a patriotic theme, and describes a father and son's correspondence during a war. Jason said the song pays tribute to all the soldiers and their families who have made sacrifices for our country.

"It's a great heartfelt song that is something that you don't get to hear all the time," he said. "Plus, Jason got to write the song with his favorite drummer."

And the young protégé is not timid when it comes to playing music with the pros. He considers it to be routine.

"It's just like performing with my regular band—you do it and you feel normal," he said.

In January, he will take the stage at the Canton Village Theater where he will once again do his part to help rebuild the Yankee Air Museum.

"The way that Jason looks at doing this fundraiser is preserving the history, because people

like him don't forget," said Hartless. "He's met so many pilots at the museum, and he didn't have to go far to enjoy it. The museum was his home and if he wants to do things like this we support him. We hope that people come together and won't forget about the museum 6 months from now."

In the future, young Jason said he would like to perform with one of his favorite musicians—Alice Cooper. And he believes that he probably will now that his drum teacher is part of Cooper's band.

But for now, Jason Jr. is looking to play music with children his own age.

"You have to remember that he's still a kid, and as talented as he is, we still let him be a normal kid number one," said his father.

But it's clear that this 10-year-old boy is far from that.

To purchase *First Division* visit Jason Jr.'s website at www.jasonhartlessjr.com.

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Sunoco plans to store natural gas for future use in the formation. When the gas is in demand, Sunoco would then bring up the gas and replace it with brine or salt water.

If EDS were also allowed use of the wells to dump the hazardous waste, Sunoco could bring the hazardous waste to the surface when it brought up the gas, opponents of the well charge.

With the issuance of the new permits, last month, the EPA said that based on an extensive review of the EDS petition for exemption, scientific data and public comments, "the waste will stay confined to a layer of rock deep underground and will not threaten human health or the environment."

The original permits were issued in April 1998 and expired in October 2003. The average daily volume of waste injected is estimated to be more than 240,000 gallons and the maximum pressure allowed would be 765 pounds per square

inch.

The EPA said that new conditions were added in the draft permits, including, changes to the waste analysis plan, the injection rate and pressure, the plugging plan and limitations on several kinds of hazardous waste.

These changes were made to make the permits consistent with the exemption to the federal ban on the land disposal of hazardous waste.

The EPA reviewed and responded to 118 comments made by the public about the newly renewed draft permits. In response to one of those comments, the EPA said that additional computer modeling, by EDS, was requested to consider a claim that the layer of underground rock confining the waste thins significantly about 45 miles to the northeast of the wells.

The additional modeling requested confirmed that the area of review was appropriate. The EPA said it is a large enough area that the pressure located beyond the area would be too low to force injected waste up into sources of drinking water through any opening, such as an old unplugged well.

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"Both our schools got a B," Baracy said. "That's among the highest letter grades you can get. Not too many schools in the state can say they placed that high."

Canton High School and Northville High School earned Bs as well. However, these schools failed to make AYP based on one criterion, which states that 95 percent of students must take the tests.

Both Romulus High School and Salem High School also failed to make AYP because of subgroups. Subgroups are those students from minority groups, low-income homes, special education, or who have poor English speaking skills. Romulus and Salem received a C and a B, respectively.

Some officials respect those criterion and are prepared to make sure the next set of students tests well on the MEAP.

"Our goal every year is to make AYP," said Salem principal Gerald Ostoin. "But we don't just do it for the state, we want to make sure all our kids have a quality edu-

cation."

Ostoin said the conditions are fair, as they are the same statewide. He added that his school's overall grade was an A, but fell to a B because of those subgroups.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are taking steps to assure they make AYP next year, as well.

An academic support center has been established for students who might have struggled in middle school. The center is designed to help those students in areas in which they don't fare well. There are also "block" classes for high school freshmen who struggle with reading. The students stay with one teacher for the school year who will help them improve their reading skills.

Only two schools in the area failed to make AYP based on low test scores. Both Inkster High School and the Starkweather Center did not make AYP due to low math and English/language arts scores.

Of the 683 high schools receiving grades in the EducationYES! Report Card, 49 received an A; 322 received a B; and 254 received a C. That compares to 25 As, 200 Bs, and 282 Cs last year.

Help

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couple realized what happened, they assumed that after their wedding he would receive a green card and be able to stay in the country.

On Aug. 3, Vidella decided to go out on a friend's boat for the day. When they arrived at the dock at Lake Erie Metro Park, his friend found that someone had tried to steal his boat. He went into the main office to complain and Vidella and another friend stayed outside.

A U.S. boarder patrol agent approached the two men who were speaking Spanish and asked to see their paperwork. Vidella's friend was a U.S. citizen, but he was not so lucky.

He was immediately taken into custody and detained for 2

days.

Casmer hired an immigration attorney to try and help straighten out the situation.

Three days after Vidella had been taken into custody, Casmer was finally able to see him through a glass window and talk to him by phone.

On the way home from her visit with Vidella that first day, Casmer and her mother were involved in a serious accident that left an open hole in Casmer's leg, as well as air bag burns and bruises all over her body.

During the next month, the couple did everything they could think of to hold on until Vidella's court date in early September.

"Then, all of sudden, I get this phone call from Juan telling me that they tried to deport him," she said. "He was literally at the airport and on the plane, but

because of the hurricanes in Florida, the plane wasn't able to take off."

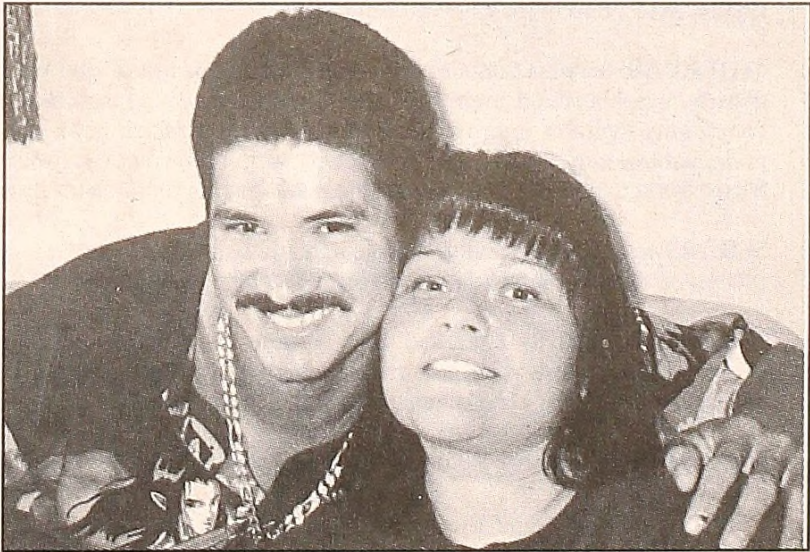
Vidella made it to his court date, but there was nothing that could be done. He was deported just 2 weeks before the wedding date.

Now Casmer is taking a leap of faith intent on having her wedding day.

On Dec. 7, she is leaving to go to Guatemala to marry Vidella. Even then, it will be more than a year before the two will be able to come back to the U.S.

Once Casmer is in Guatemala she said it will be difficult for her to find work, because she does not speak Spanish and with everything from the \$9,000 lost on the wedding to the fees for the immigration attorney, Casmer has no money left.

"I lost my apartment and had to move in with my mom," she



Martie Casmer and Juan Roberto Vidella-Guerra were forced to cancel their Oct. 9 wedding date after he was deported to Guatemala.

said. "This thing took everything I had from me."

Now, the Romulus community has a chance to help.

From 3-6 p.m. on Nov. 14, Dave and Shelly Gibb, owners of the Whistle Stop Café in downtown

Romulus will host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner to help fund Casmer's travel and living expenses.

Donations can also be sent directly to Casmer at 34541 Wick Road, Romulus, 48174.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD
OCTOBER 25, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS
CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-429

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 11, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04430

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak in compliance with HB 4824 which becomes effective January 1, 2005, commonly known as Consolidated Elections, to adopt a resolution preserving the City September Primary for filling local elective office on the Tuesday following the second Monday in September.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04431

3B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Planning Commission and adopt the following resolution approving the updated Master Plan:

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended, the Municipal Planning Act, provides for the preparation of plans by village and city planning commissions to promote public health, safety and general welfare; to encourage the use of resources in accordance with their character and adaptability, to avoid the overcrowding of land by buildings or people; to lessen congestion on public roads and streets; to facilitate provision for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, recreation and other public improvements; and to consider the character of the community and its suitability for particular uses judged in terms of such factors as the trend in land and population development; and,

WHEREAS, development of a future plan for land use within the City of Romulus is pivotal in accommodating development and redevelopment in an organized manner while retaining its community assets and character, and

WHEREAS, the updated Master Plan is needed to address the documented public health, safety and welfare concerns with un-managed growth and an incompatible mixture of land uses; and

WHEREAS, a Master Plan update was necessary to respond to changing land use conditions in the City, changes related to large land holdings such as the Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, the desire to protect the City's various neighborhoods and low density residential areas, to need to provide a high quality of life for its residents, and offer residents and businesses the needed services and support to be successful; and **WHEREAS**, the planning process and the document involve analysis of existing conditions of demographics, natural features, transportation, land use and an analysis of the basic needs of the current and future population; and

WHEREAS, the planning process included an extensive public involvement effort to allow ample opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to learn about the process and to participate in generating ideas and recommendations for the plan and, finally, to respond to the final draft plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan contains recommendations for future land use arrangement and density, neighborhood improvements, multiple mode transportation improvements, community facilities improvements, non-residential design guidelines, natural feature preservation, and specific sub-area plans to guide growth and development in the Metro Center Area, the City Center Area, and the Southern Gateway area; and

WHEREAS, the plan includes implementation strategies and responsibility for completion of each recommendation to ensure the plan is able to be accomplished-, and

WHEREAS, the City complied with the new plan development steps of notifying and involving surrounding communities and outside agencies such as the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Wayne County, and the Airport Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Romulus City Council has also asserted their right to also adopt the plan, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the Master Plan on September 20, 2004 to formally receive community input.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Romulus City Council adopt the City of Romulus Master Plan, in accordance with Section 8 of Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-432

3C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to concur with the Planning Commission and accept PC-2003-002TPP, a waiver request to permit a cul-de-sac length in excess of 900' for a proposed 20 lot single-family residential subdivision on 8.4± acres located on the east side of Ozga Road west of Elmer Johnson Park, DP#82-80-066-99-0033-000 and DP#82-80-066-99-0034-000, consistent with the recommendations of Staff reviews and the following findings:

- 1). That there are such special circumstances or conditions affecting the property that the strict application of the provisions of this chapter would clearly be impracticable or unreasonable.
In such cases the subdivider shall first state his reasons in writing as to the specific provisions or requirement involved and submit them to the planning commission;
- 2). That the granting of the specified will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which the property is situated;
- 3). That the waiver will not violate the provisions of the Michigan Land Division Act;
- 4). That the variance will have not have the effect of nullifying the interest and purpose of this chapter and the city's comprehensive development plan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla.
Nays - Burcroff Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Motion Failed

04-433

3D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Planning Commission and grant a special land use approval to PC-2004-010Ram Industries, located at 28035 Beverly Road, to establish a truck repair facility for fleet trucks and dumpsters on a parcel of land zoned MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District, consistent with the Planning Consultant letter dated August 25, 2004, and City Planners letter dated August 31, 2004, and specifically the following:

- 1). Approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission.
- 2). The truck repair use and associated outdoor stage be restricted to a repair facility to service rolloff dumpster fleet vehicles and periodically dumpsters only.
- 3). Drop off and pick up of dumpsters be limited to daylight hours only due to proximity of residential.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - Miller, Romak.
Motion Carried.

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-434

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution opposing House Bill 4358 Michigan Vehicle Code Amendment to be forwarded to neighboring communities. Complete resolution on file in the clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-435

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to move forward and approve Homeland Security Grant as requested.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-436

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Sandra L. Trudell.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-437

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Margaret Green.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-438

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to waive permit fees for the Proposed Senior Center Construction; permits and inspections are still required.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-439

Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution recognizing Eagle Scout Anthony Norman. Complete resolution on file in the clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-440

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of

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OBITUARIES

SIMERKA, Angeline C.
Angeline C. Simerka, 86, of Argentine Township, formerly of Belleville, died Nov. 1.
Among her survivors are her children, Donna Knop of Sebring, FL and Paluline (Edward) Ostrowski of Comins, MI; sisters, Virginia Zurk and Lucille Broxholm; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, where Mrs. Simerka was a member, with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

GRUDEN, Elizabeth J.
Elizabeth J. Gruden, 74, of Romulus, died Nov. 4.
Among her survivors are her husband, William Gruden; a daughter, Marsha E. Gruden-Greca of Romulus; grandchildren, Sherill, Michael and Elizabeth; and great-grandchildren, Kyle, Steven, Christopher and Brooke.
Mrs. Gruden was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Romulus VFW 9568 and the Romulus Senior Citizens.
Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, where Mrs. Gruden was a member, with Father Festus Edjimadu officiating.
Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.
ENZENAUER, Albert Claude
Albert Claude Enzenauer, 44, of Lake City, formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 31.
Among his survivors are his sons, Bobby Al and Glen Curtis Enzenauer, both of Ypsilanti; his parents Robert L. and Margaret-S. (Barnes) Enzenauer of Lake City; brothers, Chuck Barnes of Ypsilanti and Bill Barnes of Michigan, and a granddaughter, Adreiona.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

CITY OF ROMULUS
Downtown Development Authority
Request To Receive Bids
Bid 04/05-1111
Removal of two underground storage tanks

The City of Romulus is seeking sealed bids from qualified contractors for the above Services.

1. Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City of Romulus. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Maria Lambert, DDA Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, by calling (734) 955-4533 or by e-mailing: mlambert@ci.romulus.mi.us
2. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the Economic Development Department no later than 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 17, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
BID 04/05-1111 REMOVAL OF TWO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174

3. The City of Romulus reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive any irregularities to the bids and contract, in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the city. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of receiving them.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
Downtown Development Authority
Request To Receive Bids
Bid 04/05-1111-2
165 feet of 6-ft Vinyl Prima Fencing

The City of Romulus is seeking sealed bids from qualified contractors for the purchase and installation of 165 feet of 6-ft vinyl privacy fencing, in a taupe/clay color for the new Romulus Senior Center's western boundary.

1. Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City of Romulus. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Maria Lambert, DDA Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, by calling (734) 955-4533 or by e-mailing: mlambert@ci.romulus.mi.us
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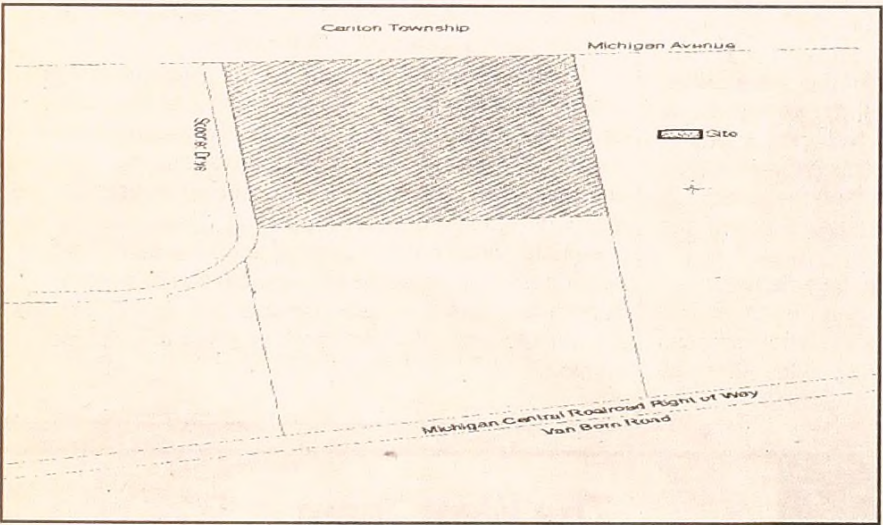
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property which is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-017-99-0014-701. This property is located on the east side of Schooner Drive between Beck and Denton Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant, Corby Energy Services Inc., is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for outside storage per Section 16.03 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., November 16, 2004, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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of Romulus to disburse payment of Warrant 04-20, (excluding #301 Beverly Construction) in the amount

of Five Hundred Ninety Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars, and Eighty Eight Cents (\$596,725.88).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None.
Abstain: Crova.
Motion Carried.

04-441

11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported Crova to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus do disburse payment of Warrant 04-20, #301 fund, Beverly Construction in the amount of Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cent (\$700.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller, Romak
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectlly submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 25, 2004

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Congress Passes Tax Legislation

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Congress has passed two tax laws that will have an impact on tax planning for individuals and businesses.

Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004.

President Bush signed this law on October 4, 2004. The law's primary purpose was to extend several tax provisions that either had expired or would soon expire.

The Act extended through 2010 the \$1,000 child tax credit, the expanded 10% income tax bracket, and the larger 15% tax bracket and standard deduction for married couples (double those of single taxpayers). The increase in the alternative minimum tax exemption (\$40,250 for singles, \$58,000 for couples) was extended through 2005.

The \$250 above-the-line deduction for classroom supplies paid for by teachers and the full \$2,000 deduction for the purchase of clean-fuel vehicles were reinstated for 2004 and 2005. A number of business tax credits, including the research and development credit, were extended through 2005.

American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

This \$138 billion export subsidy repeal bill was used by Congress as a vehicle for some unrelated tax provisions. The Act brings important changes for U.S. manufacturers and multinational corporations, but small businesses, farmers, and individual taxpayers will also be affected.

The Act allows taxpayers to take a federal tax deduction for state and local sales tax in lieu of state and local income tax in 2004 and 2005. The rules on charitable deductions for donating vehicles to charity are tightened. Taxpayers will be allowed to deduct only

the amount a charity receives if the organization sells the vehicle. If the charity keeps and uses the vehicle, the taxpayer must get documentation of the vehicle's value from the organization.

In other provisions, the Act extends through 2007 the \$100,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) expensing limit for business equipment purchases. The amount of first-year expensing for sport utility vehicles (SUVs) used in business is limited to \$25,000. The S corporation rules are changed to allow 100 shareholders, and family shareholders will be combined and treated as one.

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Risky Business

Starting your own business is always a risk. However, the potential rewards, both personal and financial, can make the endeavor very attractive. If you are starting a business, or have recently done so, there are things you can do to limit the risk.

One issue to consider is the legal structure of your business. Most often, businesses operate as sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies (LLC), or Corporations. Many factors go into determining the proper structure for your business.

These include potential risks and liabilities, taxes, and costs of forming and running the entity. If there is minimal risk, a sole proprietorship or partnership may be acceptable. However it is always worth exploring the possibility of

a different structure. LLCs and Corporations help shield personal assets from business liabilities. It may be less expensive than you think to incorporate or form an LLC, and the benefits can be enormous.

Other ways to minimize risks include maintaining adequate insurance, having clear employment practices, managing accounts properly, and using legally effective contracts and documents.

It is always advisable to check with an attorney before starting a business. An attorney can help you determine the best structure for your individual needs.

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Attorney & Counselor at Law

"Other ways to minimize risks include maintaining adequate insurance, having clear employment practices, managing accounts properly, and using legally effective contracts and documents."

It Really Is All About Covering Your Assets...

Whether you are a first time homebuyer or one who has been there, done that, the pre-approval and approval process can be confusing and intimidating. There seems to be a never-ending request for this and that verification document.

And verifying assets more often than not can prove to be the most difficult. It is not enough to simply come up with the down payment money; you have to verify where it came from. Lenders typically want to know where the money comes from. The reason for this is two-fold actually. One reason is to prevent fraud and the other is an underwriter's method to determine a persons' qualification as a borrower.

If a loan applicant can verify the funds are coming from their own personal savings account the lender is more confident of the strength of the borrower.

Additionally if an applicant can evidence more funds than are actually needed for the down payment, closing costs and pre-pays, he is that much better off.

Therefore it is very important to fully document the source of funds for down payment closing costs and pre-pays.

The quickest and easiest way to document borrowers assets in a savings account is to provide the lender with copies of the most recent bank statements. Typically a lender will ask for two months, but depending on the overall strength of the borrower sometimes just one or even three months.

The old fashioned way for lenders to verify account balances and histories was to request a "Verification of Deposit". However, because of concern for preserving and maintaining a borrowers "Information Privacy", they prefer bank statements.

If the funds being used for down payment and so on can be shown to have been in the account for the entire period shown on the bank statements, then they are known as 'seasoned funds', and the borrower is well on his way to being approved. However, if the statements show any large deposits as part of the amount needed then the lender will request further verifications and documentation of the source of these large deposits.

Though digging up those recent bank statements can be frustrating and the reasons for having to provide them may seem confusing and irritating, it is part of the whole process necessary to secure the loan, that will put you into that new home.



Matthew West
Chase Financial

"Newsweek takes on variable annuities"

I'm not sure if you receive Newsweek Magazine or not. However, on August 30th of this year, there was an article by finance columnist, Jane Bryant Quinn called, "One Faulty Investment." Ms. Quinn offered a scathing review of the product stating, "Once you've bought a (variable) annuity, you're potentially a sitting dupe."

Citing high fees, misleading sales tactics, low annuitization rates, confused stock brokers and an environment that promotes policy churning, Quinn quoted former TIAA-CREF pension funds chair John Briggs: "I cannot imagine a personal financial situation where I'd recommend a VA as a good idea." While Bryant Quinn predicts insurance

executives and brokers involved in sketchy VA sales tactics will be doing the perp walk in a few years, others in the industry point out that illicit marketing and the product itself are mutually exclusive.

Variable annuities can be the right investment in some cases. However, scared stockbrokers and financial planners are flocking to them as the salvation for their clients. Buyers beware! While there are some advantages to variables, I would warn all investors to get a second opinion before proceeding. If you already have a variable annuity you may want to do the same. While under certain conditions, the variable can offer some guarantees; they can also lose your principal if the rules are not followed. The best path to follow is a second opinion.



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BUSINESS

Emily's marks 10th anniversary in Northville

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

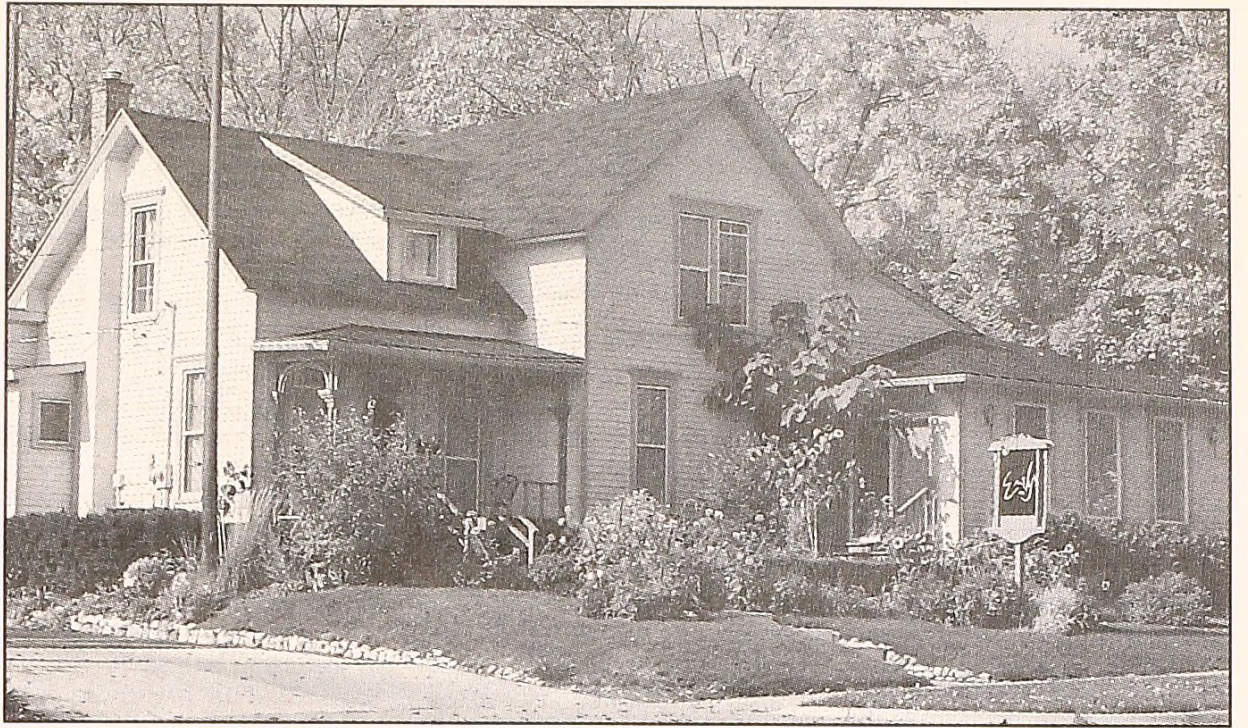
When Rick Halberg began his quest for the perfect place to open his new restaurant, he knew what he was looking for—an old home in a small town in

However, Halberg said that one of the few real changes in the restaurant was not so much what was coming out of the kitchen as it was who was going into it.

"We just keep evolving to make it more of a wonderful experience for our diners."

Rick Halberg

"As of this year, I hired an executive chef for the first time," said



Emily's in Northville recently celebrated 10 years in Northville. Owner Rich Halberg donated a portion of his sales to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation to mark the anniversary.

Metro Detroit not too far from the airport that could be transformed to meet his dreams. He found it in Northville.

Last month, his restaurant, Emily's, celebrated its 10th year in the community. Emily's, named for Halberg's daughter, is designed for food connoisseurs. The food is based on French-inspired Mediterranean cuisine, and has received national acclaim, thanks to reviews in *Gourmet Magazine* and the *Zagat Travel Guide*. Both ranked Emily's as one of the top restaurants in America. The menu changes seasonally.

"We just keep evolving to make it more of a wonderful experience for our diners," said Halberg.

Halberg. "I just decided it was time." Previously, the kitchen had been the primary domain of Halberg, a chef.

Regardless of who is creating the food or what they are making, Halberg said that it is the quality that holds the key to longevity in a competitive market.

"My plan has always been to serve a superior product in a non-pretentious way," said Halberg. The former residence on Center Street was selected to provide a homey atmosphere for the food.

The restaurant caters to a diverse clientele, he said, attracting gourmands from around the world who stop by on their way to or from Metro Airport. Still, he stressed that Emily's is a part of

the community.

"We do get a lot of Northville people," said Halberg. "There's quite a few who come in regularly." He did, however, note that with main courses in the \$24-\$42 price range, for many families Emily's is more of a special occasion restaurant than an everyday place to eat.

Ten years later, Halberg said that he has no regrets about his decision to settle in Northville.

"It's really been great," he said. "Northville is really a growing community." The only real challenge, he said, was getting used to the parades that periodically close the downtown streets.

To celebrate its anniversary, Emily's has planned two special dining events featuring the best wines of 1994. All month long, every adult patron also receives complimentary sparkling wine. In addition, a portion of sales this

month will be donated to the Michigan chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

"My father had MS and some of my friends had MS, so it's something that is close to me," said Halberg.

Emily's is located on Center Street in Northville. The restaurant is open from Tuesday-Saturday for dinner only, with the first patrons admitted at 5:30 p.m.

First of several new Westland restaurants opens next week

Scott Spielman
Editor

The first of several new restaurants planned on outlots at the Westland Mall will greet patrons next week.

Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant will open on Monday, Nov. 15 after a grand opening ceremony, according to Rob Bruce, president of Tomatto Grotto, LLC, which owns the development rights for the chain in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Located in the Westridge Center on Warren Road, across from the mall, the restaurant is part of a nation-wide chain that started in 1997, according to Bruce. He said the demographics of the community and the high-visibility of the site provided a perfect match for their fifth Michigan restaurant.

"We're real excited about the area," he said. "We're fortunate to have found a pretty unique site at the heart of the action."

The restaurant will bring about 150 new jobs to the city and provide a different type of cuisine, Bruce said. They provide a wide variety of Italian dishes but are perhaps best known for their 12-layer lasagna.

The restaurant, from the inside out, is designed to fit the motif of an Italian country house, he said. Inside, patrons will find antique framed family pictures,

Italian ceramics, wood and stone walls, colorful mismatched wooden chairs and small dining rooms.

The outside of the structure, with its unique architecture, has already drawn some compliments, Bruce said. All of the restaurants have the same general look.

"It's evolved somewhat, over the years," he said. "This is the look of the latest and the greatest."

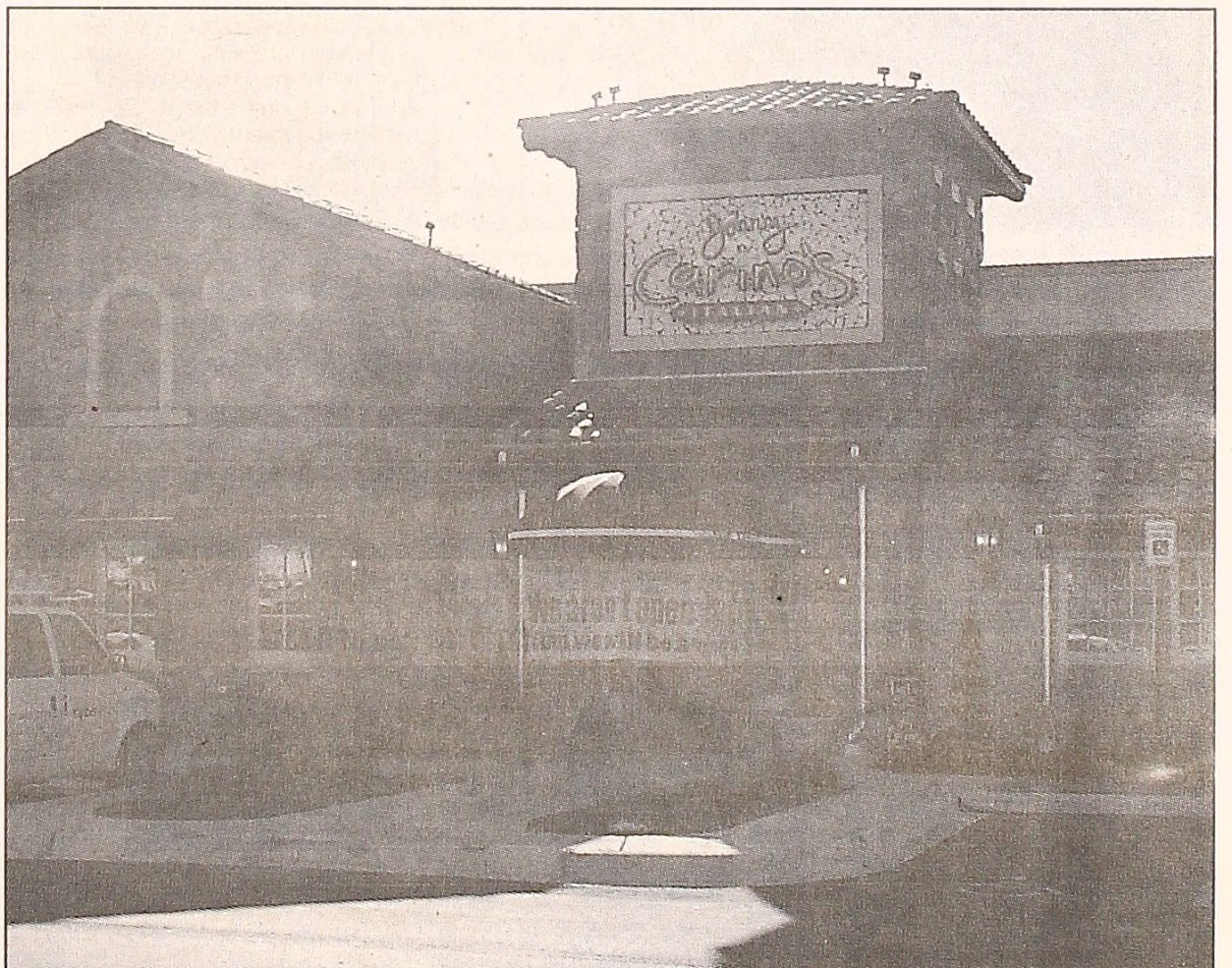
"We've had a lot of feedback," he added. "The curb appeal is pretty phenomenal."

There are currently 126 Johnny Carino's restaurants in 23 states and four countries. Fired Up, Inc., which owns the chain, has development agreements with 20 franchise partners that will greatly contribute to a massive, ambitious expansion project, Bruce said.

"We'll have about 140 of the restaurants open by the end of the year," he said. This is the first foray into restaurant ownership for Bruce, although he has had experience with some aspects of the industry. He formerly worked for a commercial lending firm, providing the financing for new restaurant ventures and said.

"I saw hundreds of different concepts and this one was very special to me," he said.

The restaurant has already planned to be proactive in the community, too, with a charity



The distinctive style of the new Johnny Carino's restaurant has already drawn compliments.

VIP event designed to generate funds for Kicks for Kids, the ongoing effort to fund new soccer fields for Curtis Woods Park in Westland. That took place yesterday.

The restaurant is the first of five that are planned near the mall, most of which will be open

by the holidays. Among them are a Rio Bravo, a Panera Bread and another Mexican-themed restaurant that will take the place of the former Sign of the Beefcarver.

Bruce said the new eateries, along with the recently opened restaurants further west on Warren Road, shouldn't provide

too much competition for the expanding chain.

"At some point it develops a synergy," he said. "People will go to an area if there are a multitude of restaurants. It actually helps. I think we're going to hit a different segment of the market, there."

Former Plymouth employee honored for service to Wayne

Scott Spielman
Editor

"I feel very lucky," said a slightly embarrassed John Zech, Wayne city manager last week. "I have a lot of gratitude for the community."

Zech received a rare award at the Wayne City Council meeting last week – a service award from the Independent City/County Management Association (ICCMA) for 30 years of service to municipal government. Zech has worked for the City of Wayne for the past 25 years.

"The many years that you have dedicated to public service are a remarkable feat of perseverance and unwavering dedication to the citizens of the communities you have served," Bob O'Neill, executive director of the ICCMA told him.

Zech started his career as the coordinator of House Staff Affairs at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in 1971. He moved to Columbus, OH in 1973 and served as an administrative ana-

"He's been a good leader for the community, there. His continuity has played a pivotal role."

Paul Sincock

lyst for the public safety department and later as a community relations representative for the department of community services. After a 2-year stint as the community development coordinator for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, he moved back to Michigan, taking on the assistant city manager duties in the City of Plymouth.

Paul Sincock had just started in a full-time position then. Sincock is now the city manager in Plymouth.

"(Zech) has served as a mentor for a lot of us city managers," Sincock said. "He's been a good leader for the community, there."

His continuity has played a pivotal role." He, Zech and other city managers nearby get together on occasion to talk shop, Sincock said.

Zech started with the City of Wayne as the community development director in 1979. He served in several other capacities and was promoted to city manager in 1992.

He credits the rest of the city administration with his success, through the years.

"It's a tremendous staff, from the department heads all the way down," he said.

Mayor Al Haidous said he was pleased to have Zech on board, and hoped to work with him for another 30 years.

"We're lucky to have him as a city manager," he said.

Zech said the award was very special to him, in part because it came to him while he served in his adopted hometown.

"It's the best job I've ever had," he said. "I guess that's why I'm still doing it, after all these years."



Wayne Mayor Al Haidous (left) presented City Manager John Zech with an award from the Independent City/County Management Association last week commemorating Zech's 30 years in municipal government. Zech has worked for the city for 25 years, including more than 12 years as city manager.

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AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY 40905 JOY ROAD CANTON, MI 48187

This publication contains the portions of the Articles of Incorporation, which have been amended. Those portions of the Articles of Incorporation, which have not been amended are still in force and effect as previously adopted and published.

Changes are shown with additions being **bolded**; deletions being ~~stricken through~~.

ARTICLE IX:

Meetings of the Commission shall be held at such time and place as shall be prescribed by resolution of the Commission. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chair or any two Commissioners, by serving written notice of the time, place and purpose thereof, upon each Commissioner, personally, or by leaving it at his or her place of residence or business at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of such meeting, or by depositing the same in a United States Post Office or mailbox within the geographic limits of the Authority, at least seventy-two hours prior to the time of such meeting, enclosed in a sealed envelope, properly addressed to him/her at his/her home or office address.

ARTICLE X:

The Chair of Commission shall be the presiding officer thereof. Except as herein otherwise provided, he/she shall not have any executive or administrative functions other than a member of the said Commission. In the absence or disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Commission. The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Authority, and shall give to it a bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office. All officers of the Authority and the Director of Operations shall be bonded or insured. The cost of said bond or insurance shall be paid by the Authority. All monies shall be deposited in a bank or banks to be designated by the Commission, and all checks or other forms of withdrawal there from shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other officer of the Authority, require two signatures, which may be any officer of the Authority or the Director of Operations. No signatory to checks or other forms of withdrawal may sign in more than one capacity. The officers of the Commission shall have such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon them by the Commission.

ARTICLE XVII:

These articles shall be published once in the Community Crier, the Canton Eagle, the Northville Record, and the Canton/Plymouth Observer, or any which newspapers that have general circulation within the limits of the Authority's member communities. One printed copy of such Articles of Incorporation, certified as a true copy thereof, with the date and place of publication shall be filed with both the Secretary of State and the County Clerk of the County of Wayne within thirty (30) days after the execution thereof has been completed.

The duly appointed Director of Operations Executive Director of the Authority is hereby designated as the person to cause these amended Articles to be published, certified and tiled as aforesaid. In the event he/she shall be unable to act or shall neglect to act, then the duty authorized and appointed counsel for the Authority shall act in his/her stead.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of Act 233 of the Michigan Acts of 1955, as amended there exists the right to question the adoption of said Restated Articles of Incorporation in court of competent jurisdiction within sixty (60) days after the filing of the certified copies of the Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State and the Wayne County Clerk. The validity of adoption of these Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be conclusively presumed unless questioned in a court of competent jurisdiction within (60) days after the certified copies had been filed. The following Amended Articles of Incorporation of Western Townships Utilities Authority have been adopted by the Township Boards of the Charter Township of Canton, the Charter Township of Northville and the Charter Township of Plymouth. The Amended Articles of Incorporation will become effective November 1, 2004.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:40

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OPINION

Contagious cooperation

As Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said recently, partnerships are contagious these days.

That's definitely a good thing, given that municipalities of all types will be asked to do more with less in the coming years. That's also why the partnership symposium that will take place at Plymouth High School next week is such a good idea.

For those who don't know, this is a chance for elected and appointed leaders in the Plymouths, the Northvilles Canton Township and the school district to get together and brainstorm about how they can help each other.

There's more going on here than meets the eye. This is not just a situation where the big guys – like the three still rapidly-developing townships – are stepping up to help out the smaller, built up cities. It's a recognition that everyone will be in the same position, eventually, and that more cooperation is needed between all areas of government.

It doesn't just mean working together on large, visible issues, like the joint dispatch and community fire department between the city and township of Plymouth, the joint parks and recreation, senior services and now dispatch and lockup agreements between the two Northvilles. There are plenty of ways to work together and save money on the smaller scale, too, and those dollars will add up.

It's a perfect time to schedule such a get-together, too. Elections have just been decided in the townships, and although the Northville Township Board will remain relatively the same, with only a single new member and Canton Township will welcome two new board members, Plymouth Township has a new supervisor and a new trustee to welcome aboard. It's a good time to get everyone on the same page.

With luck, they'll stay there, too. It's most likely that the difficult economic picture has spurred this symposium and the talks about increased governmental cooperation. The economy won't stay soft forever, though. Things will pick up – it's an inevitable part of the cycle.

When they do, we hope this concept of governmental cooperation to keep down costs – and therefore taxes – is one that will survive. Limiting government expense, trimming the fat and working cooperatively to provide good service is a good idea, no matter what the economy is like.

A step toward consistency

The Westland City Council took a big step on a relatively small issue last week when they approved an increase in the application fee homeowners must pay to split up and redevelop their property.

It was an attempt to bring the fee more in line with the costs to the city, which are estimated at about \$780, on average. The council decided, on a 5-2 majority, that the proposed \$750 jump in price was too big of an increase, though, and instead approved a \$500 fee, with regular cost increases.

It was a good step, although not necessarily a complete one, and it could send out a mixed message to the public.

If the concept behind the increase in fee was to recoup all of the city costs, why not just pass along the higher fee?

Well, some of the reasoning behind that was the huge leap from \$40 along with the cost of requesting a lot split in similar communities – which is not that high.

Council President Pro-tem Jim Godbout brought up a good point about that, though, when he pointed out that the city should pay equally as much attention to what it costs the city as to what a lot split request costs in other communities. It may be that they, like Westland, had not vis-

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...for this to work, ONE of us should be on STABLE footing...!



A brief, welcome reprieve

It took me a moment to name the cause of the cool, fresh air I noticed the other day as I sat on my porch, listening to dried leaves rattle their way down the street.

It didn't signify the approach of winter, as I first thought, but the end of another campaign season, the conclusion of another election.

I have to admit, I'm usually happy to see the back end of an election season. I'm always intrigued when they start up, curious as they go on and relieved afterward. They're cathartic, in a way, for newspapers and communities alike.

This year was no different. Toward the end it was getting so you couldn't turn on the television or watch anything for five minutes without being beaten over the head about some issue or another. And my mailbox? It was never certified to hold so much weight. The fact that it survived is more a testament to the power of plastic than the power of democracy.

Still, though, in among the illegal sign postings, the back stabbing (and front stabbing, I guess) there were some noteworthy events.

One thing that I appreciated and that frustrated me at the same time was the way Laura Cox went about her campaign for the 10th District in the Wayne County Commission. She never mentioned that she was the wife of Attorney General Mike Cox, not in our endorsement interviews, or my conversations with her. I've heard that at functions, she asked those who introduced her not to make any mention of it, either. She wanted to run on her own merits, not mere name recognition.

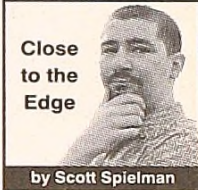
Good for her, I said. She was more than qualified for the job, anyway.

What frustrated me was that every time I read about her candidacy, that fact was noted, if not highlighted.

Often, if not always, politicians and those that want to be politicians rely on name recognition. It was certainly refreshing for someone to do the opposite.

Another thing I liked to see could be found throughout the Canton, Plymouth and Northville communities: big signs from State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton). No, he wasn't running for anything this year; his signs merely reminded people to go out and vote. It'll probably be self-serving in the end, because the signs will be just as good the next time he's up for office, but it's nice to see someone being proactive about it now, when, with a presidency up for grabs and two controversial state wide issues on the ballot, the election was an important one.

Well, our reprieve is destined to be a short one. The campaign signs, the literature, the doublespeak, the promises – they'll all be back next year. But who knows, maybe the mud will be left behind next time around.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

Letters

Judge thanks supporters

To the editor;

I would like to take this time to thank the people of Belleville, Huron, Romulus, Sumpter and Van Buren for their continued and overwhelming support. Since taking the bench in 1999 I have tried to be fair and impartial as well as to act with integrity and honor. I believe that the results of Tuesday's election confirm that the voters of this area have taken note of these efforts.

At this time I would also like to thank the many volunteers who worked the polls, who went door to door and who did all of the other things required to run such a successful campaign. As I have said many times before, I am deeply moved and humbled by the outpouring of support which all of you have shown. As

an aside - thanks to the King Team for thinking of the canopies - my workers in Van Buren Township welcomed the shelter!

Finally, although we have done our best to pick up all of our yard signs, I am sure we missed some. If we missed your sign, please drop it off at our headquarters across from the Wayne Road Burger King south of I-94 in Romulus or call (734) 941-4462 ext. 205.

Honorable Brian A. Oakley
34th District Court Judge

Attorney blasts editorial

To the editor;

You should have checked your facts before writing your Oct. 14, 2004 article titled 'Any fries with that?'

In an attack against what you perceive as the "sue-first, ask-questions-later social environment," you declare that the "court system is already clogged with unnecessary lawsuits." What is your basis for this assertion?

In fact, personal injury filings are way down in the State of Michigan. For example, medical malpractice filings have dropped by 75 percent. While trial lawyers are being blamed for everything from the high cost of health care to the shortage of the flu vaccine, such a ploy, as perpetuated by your editorial is just a smoke screen by special interests who seek to limit our rights.

I can assure you that my clients are not people bring "frivolous litigation spawned by arro-

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Municipalities grappling with health care costs

Scott Spielman
Editor

Employers across the nation are wrestling with the increasing costs of health care, and municipal officials are no different.

In a time when most municipal budgets are remaining relatively stagnant or decreasing, those increasing costs continue to put a greater burden on the overall budget, according to officials.

Costs have, in some cases, doubled during the past several years, but there may be signs that the huge increases have reached a plateau.

"They're never going to go down, but hopefully they'll level off," said Robert English, assistant city manager and director of personnel for the City of Wayne.

Wayne, like many municipalities, is attempting to lower the burden of providing health care to employees through union

negotiations. Officials recently approved an agreement with the police officer's union that called for members to pay a higher prescription drug co-pay. It also mandates that new employees will be covered through a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), unless they volunteered to pay more for Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

English said it was something that everyone had to deal with.

"You read about it every day," he said. "It's just how you manage it. We try to deal with it by increasing the out of pocket expenses for employees."

"It's not just in the city," he added. "It's everywhere. It's a big cost, no doubt about it. That's why we needed some commitment (from the unions)."

Wayne Finance Director Tim McCurley said the costs of providing health care have increased between 15 and 20 percent in each of the last 2 years.

When he served in the same capacity in Westland, he saw a 50 percent jump in 2 years there, too. It became most notable after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

"The insurance companies had investments in the stock market, too," he said. "They had to increase their fees to make up their revenue."

Other cash-strapped municipalities are dealing with the same phenomenon. Costs have increased by 15 percent in the past 2 years in Belleville. About 7.2 percent of the general fund budget is spent on health care, according to Treasurer Brian Bemis.

Belleville is also negotiating with unions to bring those costs down, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

"With the state revenue going up 1 or 2 percent a year, and when you have an expense that goes up 15 percent in just the last

year, it's painfully obvious that health care costs are a problem in regards to budget cuts," he said. "It's extreme."

The City of Northville spends about \$896,000 on health care – about 15 percent of the total general fund – but not all of that money comes from the general fund, according to Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Nickie Bateson.

The City of Plymouth is in a slightly different position. That municipality is self-insured, which means they pay for all of their health care costs, according to Finance Director Mark Christiansen. Their budget is about \$1 million for health care, which is about twice what it was 5 years ago.

Being self-insured has allowed the city to control their costs, somewhat – they've seen an average increase of about 11 percent in each of the last 5 years – but it does produce wild fluctua-

tions in those costs. It doubled in one year, for example and then went down during the next 3.

"We've tried to get to a point where we budget based on maximum possible exposure," Christiansen said. "Like everyone else, it's a huge chunk of our budget because increases are radically higher and faster than for other services."

"We'd like to see something done on a national level about this."

Staff writers Andrea King, Meghan Chatham and Jason Davis contributed to this story.

Ready for your screen test? It's a life saver

Every year many of us lose family and friends to colorectal cancer, breast cancer, lymphoma and other forms of the disease. Now I believe that death is a part of life, but that doesn't make these losses any easier. What we all need to keep in mind is that these diseases, if caught early, are treatable.

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screening.

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- Cost and insurance coverage of the test

After all, you owe it to yourself and to your family and friends to get the screenings you need.

And remember to take care of your health before it's lonnnggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's

days are filled with serving as a health and fitness

advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

Letters

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gance, egos or just plain ignorance," as declared by your article. Instead, my clients are ordinary people who unfortunately become injured or disabled and

need assistance navigating a system that is often stacked heavily against them.

Gary Bimberg,
Attorney at law

Commissioner is congratulated

To the editor;
I just wanted to publicly con-

gratulate John Sullivan on his reelection to the office of Wayne County Commissioner, and to thank him very, very much for running a very clean, non-mudslinging campaign.

All the literature I received from John touted his accomplishments and not a bad word

or even a mention about his opponent. Sad to say I can't say that about his opponent.

Too bad more campaigns aren't modeled after Mr. Sullivan's

Vincent Maylone,
Wayne, MI

Increase

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ited the issue recently, and their own costs far exceed the fees they request.

Perhaps a larger fee would cause some homeowners to pause before they decided to split up a large lot with an existing home in order to sell off a portion of it or construct another home on it. It's not an infringement on their property rights; they would still be able to do it, they would just have to pay more for it. Any expense would certainly be recouped by the sale of the land. If the fee causes

them to forgo the opportunity, well the city hasn't lost anything, anyway – at least not aesthetically. There's nothing wrong with keeping some large lots intact, after all. There's no reason to cram every available space with additional homes, just because the land is there.

The decision came only weeks after the Westland Hockey

Association petitioned against a proposed increase in the cost of securing ice time at the Mike Modano Ice Arena. They were turned aside, though, because the city told them they had to charge what it cost them to provide the ice.

It's a harsh reality, but it's one that should

be set across the board. If the city is successful in reducing the cost to provide these services, they can pass those savings along. If not, the concept of charging for the actual cost of services is one that should be consistent, for everyone.

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THE SCENE

SIMPLY INCREDIBLE

Newest
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effort is
worthwhile

It's not too often a family of super heroes falls from the sky in a Winnebago and skids to the rescue of humankind.

That's one of the more memorable scenes in Walt Disney and Pixar's newest computer animated spectacular *The Incredibles*.

While Batman has the super-cool Batmobile and Wonder Women flies an invisible jet, true superheroes make due with what is available. With the fate of mankind hanging in the balance that's what the Incredible family does.

While imprisoned on the remote island of a mad scientist villain they use the one means of transportation available, a white and blue RV. All right, so there's a little more to it. They attach it to a rocket ship with the limber limbs of Elastigirl but it's still a Winnebago.

The vehicle hits the ground running with the super-strong Mr. Incredible at the helm and children Violet, who's hard to envision at times, and the quick-on-his-feet Dash in tow. Elastigirl and Mr. Incredible have a husband and wife moment as they argue which exit on the freeway will expedite their attempt to save the world the quickest.

Director Brad Bird and entire creative team do an amazing job with the animation, which at times makes the RV appear realistic. The RV scene, along with Dash's running on water scene, is quite—excuse the pun—incredible.

The Incredibles has quite the pedigree. The geniuses that brings this super-power family-fun movie to "life" is the Academy Award winning team that brought audiences *Toy Story*, *Monsters, Inc.* and *Finding Nemo*.

The Incredibles is a family of former superheroes who are forced into a superhero relocation program where they have to live normal civilian lives. Bob Parr (AKA Mr. Incredible), voiced by Craig T. Nelson, was once one of the world's top masked crime fighters who fought evil and saved lives on a

daily basis. Fifteen years later, because the masses said they no longer needed superheroes and have sued to make their point, he is forced into hiding in the suburbs where he takes on a job as a pencil-pushing clock-punching insurance man. The only things he fights now are boredom and an expanding waistline.

His wife Helen Parr—a famous former superhero in her own right, Elastigirl—is now a stay-at-home mom who watches over their three children, Violet, Dash and the devilishly cute baby Jack-Jack.

Things change when Bob receives a mysterious summons to a remote island for a top-secret assignment. He must disable a giant fighting robot creat-

ed by Syndrome, the owner of the island. Once successful, the job revives Mr. Incredible's itch to return to his crime-fighting ways and renews his vigor for life and reconnects himself with his family.

The past catches up to Mr. Incredible, though, because Syndrome has his own agenda. Voiced by Jason Lee, he is powered with futuristic gadgets that give him superhero-like powers. His goal is to eradicate all former super heroes—including Mr. Incredible—and send his monstrous robots to the mainland to destroy everything.

While Mr. Incredible avoids death he is, however, detained as Syndrome's prisoner. With the help of fashion designer and former super-suit maker Edna

Mode (Brad Bird), Helen (Holly Hunter) discovers where her husband is and sets off on a rescue mission. Unknown to her, her two older children, Violet and Dash, are stowaways on the journey. From there, the family must band together in order to stop the evil Syndrome's master plan.

Of course there are several mishaps and humorous events that take place along the way. But at the core of the film there is a family that learns a little bit about themselves and how to balance their individual lives with their love for one another.

Once they escape from the island—that's right, in the RV—the family teams up with longtime friend and villain-fighter Frozone (Samuel L. Jackson)

who is one of the funniest characters in the film.

The film has a 60s retro comic book feel to it, which works well with the characters, setting and story. With a futuristic edge and creative gadgetry *The Incredibles* takes on a buffed up if-the-Jetsons-were-superheroes feel.

Although *The Incredibles* is quite impressive, funny and adventurous on its own merit, it is doubtful that *Shrek 2* has to worry about being knocked off its pedestal as the highest-grossing computer animated film to date—not until *Shrek 3*, anyway.

However, for something fun and entertaining to take the family to see, *The Incredibles* is well worth the price of admission.



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

THE SCENE

In black and white

Photography exhibit continues in Northville

A chance comment brought fine art photographer Robert Zeichner to Northville Camera and Digital Imaging (NCDI), but it was talent that earned him the opportunity to display his works in the gallery attached to the store.

The show, which displays 46 of his black and white photographs from around the world, marks the second time his work has been displayed within the city.

"Several years ago, I had a similar show on a much smaller scale at the Dancing Eye gallery here in Northville," said Zeichner. "They were the first gallery to show my work."

Though he grew up with an artist's eye trained on the world around him, Zeichner said that he did not begin to seriously consider earning a living through his photography until about 10 years ago.

"I've been making photographs since I was 10 years old—long before I had a camera," he said. "It's the sort of thing that doesn't happen all at once."

Since his introduction at the Dancing Eye almost a decade ago, Zeichner has been at the center of about 30 shows across the state.

Ironically, Zeichner said that during a recent visit to town, it was the owner of the Dancing Eye who recommended that he apply for an exhibition at NCDI.

Tom James, the owner of NCDI, said he was "blown away" by the "intense quality" of the photographs. The result was a one-man show scheduled to run through Dec. 7.

The exhibit, which opened last week, represents pictures shot by Zeichner while in Greece, Death Valley, and upstate New York.

"It's kind of a mixed bag—eastern landscapes, western landscapes, architectural," said Zeichner.

The most unusual aspect, however, are his Vitrograph prints. Created without negatives, Vitrograph prints are formed by shining light through a piece of pressed glass, such as a candy dish, to generate a contact print. The result is a photograph so unique that Zeichner said that

people often question whether or not it is actually a photo.

"Some of them look like pencil drawings or charcoal drawings," he said.

"There's quite a bit of detail."

Even the slightest flaw in the glass will show up and add visual interest to the finished print, he added. His technique is so unique that it was covered by the specialty photographic publication, *Photo Techniques* magazine, earlier this year.

This distinct style echoes James' interest in the individualized style he said that he found in Zeichner's work.

"The presentation is just impeccable," James said. He added that while Zeichner tends to work with both traditional and nontraditional themes, one of his strengths is in his presentation of atypical images, because Zeichner brings in techniques and traditions not generally found in fine art photography.

Zeichner himself said that he

It's what I interpret; it's what I see.

Robert Zeichner



Fine art photographer Robert Zeichner's work will be on exhibit in Northville until December 7.

is particularly pleased by the shots from Greece, which were created during a recent trip to the country with three other photographers. The remarkable part, he said, was that four photographers could shoot the same subject at the same time within a 10 foot radius of each other, and

yet have finished products that look nothing alike.

"It's what I interpret; it's what I see," he said.

Zeichner said that he hoped the show would help him reach out to a new audience who

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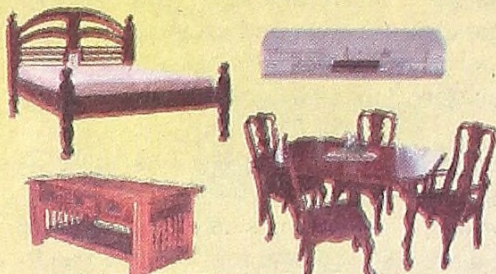
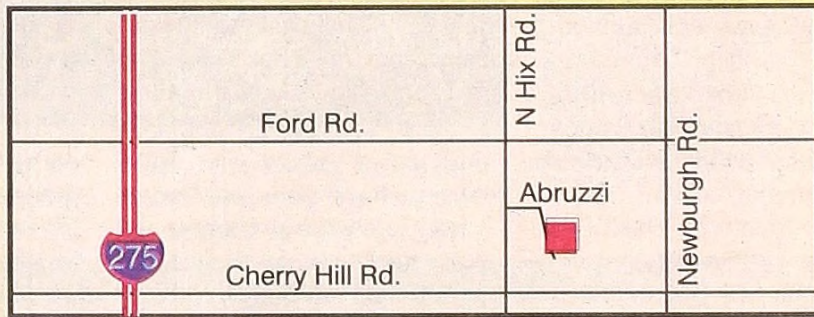
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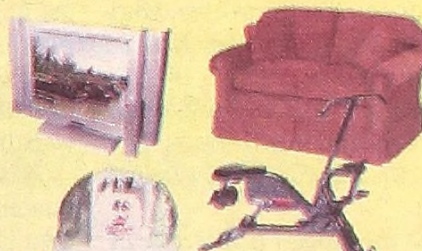
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THE SCENE



The Spirit of Detroit Chorus, part of the Sweet Adelines International Organization, has 92 members from the Detroit area communities. Here (top row from left to right) Linda Clements of Plymouth, Gerry Wyrabkiewicz of Wayne, Dorothy Davenport of Plymouth, (middle row) Cheri Thomas of Canton Township, Laura Loacano of Garden City, Ginny Hixon of Canton, Karen Langdon of Brighton, (front row) Alice Steckel of Westland, Carol McKee of Canton and Dawn Singh of Belleville practice their spirit face for the annual show.

Sweet soul
Local women’s chorus sings
to help area less fortunate

Andrea King
Staff Writer

There’s a sweet sound coming from Detroit.

And that sound is coming from a group of young, hip and fun women, according to Sweet Adelines member Dawn Singh.

“The image that people get of us is that we are a group of old, fat ladies that sing old music, but we are not that. We’re fun,” said Singh. “Our shows are a major production. We are energetic, animated and, if you let us, we can knock your socks off.”

The Spirit of Detroit Chorus, part of The Sweet Adelines International organization, is made up of 42 communities and 92 members from Belleville, Canton, Inkster, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne, Westland and other Detroit areas.

The group members support musical education in schools and to send their message—Harmonize the World—to communities in which they live and work. They are dedicated to musical excellence through the education, performance, and perfection of the art of four-part harmony (lead, bass, baritone and tenor) a cappella singing in the Barbershop style.

“It’s not a mainstream genre that people follow, but we’re trying to change that through our shows, education and performances,” said Singh. “There are choruses out there that are very popular, and I believe we are on our way.”

Singh, a Belleville resident, said that barbershop music dates from the 1920s. Although men originated the style of music, these women are rewriting history to keep the music alive.

The chorus is an all-age-group ranging from members aged 14 to 85, all with different backgrounds and professions. They perform at churches, do one annual show a year and can be hired for private performances. They practice every Tuesday to

improve their singing, as well as the choreography that goes along with their music.

The Spirit of Detroit Chorus has won two regional silver medals, eight regional gold medals, and last year attained tenth place international status. They have been to competitions in Miami, Baltimore, Reno, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Nashville, and Phoenix. Next year, the chorus will compete in New Orleans.

“If we’re lucky enough to get into the top 10, we’ll go on to the finals,” said Singh.

And the chorus is always looking for new members to help them win another title.

Women interested in joining are welcome to visit one of the practices. Candidates’ only requirement is an interest in singing.

Singh said that she considers the group her second career.

“I have an extensive music background, but I think that the Sweet Adelines has developed a sense of musicality for me,” she said. “If I don’t sing a least once a week I get withdrawal. I love it. The group has been a big support for me, especially through the difficult personal experiences in my life. They are there for me when I need them. They’re my emotional support.”

The Sweet Adelines have goals in mind and Singh has a few of her own, too.

“Now, I’m just in the chorus, but I hope to be in a quartet someday,” she said.

As for the group, she said within the next year, she hopes they can achieve spot in the top five at the international competition.

The Spirit of Detroit will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. The 2-hour long show will feature special guest performers, the groups four quartets—High Voltage, Zenith, Musicality and Spotlight—and several new songs.

“There is a resurgence in interest in black and white photography as art,” he said. He attributed this interest in part to television set designers who tend to draw from their own interests and frequently use such photos as background art.

The photographs will be on display through Dec. 7 at Northville Camera and Digital Imaging during regular business hours. The shop is located at 117 East Main St. For further information, contact (248) 349-0105.

Pictures

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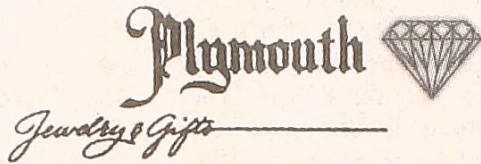
would be able to relate to his vision.

“Every artist hopes people will be drawn into a work, and that it will just mesmerize them,” he said.

He said that the genre of black and white photography is once again becoming a major player due to an unlikely supporter—television.

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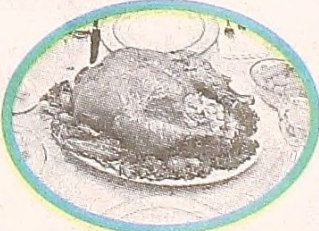


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THE SCENE

Expert to speak about portrayal of women in art

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

The Northville Art House will offer a celebration of women in art as the final installment in the Northville Arts Commission Brown Bag Lecture Series tomorrow.

Robert Steiner, a speaker with the Detroit Institute of Arts, will discuss the portrayal of women—from wives and daughters to goddesses and harlots—in art throughout the years. Steiner said that the topic originated after museum volunteers noticed that, from gallery to gallery, many of the pieces that appealed most to visitors featured female subjects.

Whether the attendees are art history scholars or just people searching for an interesting way to spend an afternoon, Steiner said that the project could appeal to everyone, regardless of what their background knowledge is. It has an appeal, he said, that has pushed the relatively new topic toward an ever-increasing popularity.

Participants will go on a small "virtual tour" of the DIA during the event as individual pieces from the collection are selected

to illustrate the overall theme. The slideshow presentation will represent a timeline of sorts as it traces the evolution of the role of women in art.

The presentation will begin around 700B.C., with a vase painted to represent the goddess Athena. Steiner said he would talk about the vase and how it was painted and focus on Athena and her role in society. From there, Steiner will move on to an Egyptian death mask, which an unknown artist created to represent the beauty of a woman he most likely did not know in life.

Steiner will present a total of 24 slides, ranging from those early art forms through to the modern era. He said that the pieces were selected because they each offer a different perspective.

"With the exception of Athena, all of the pieces reflect some degree of emotion," said Steiner. Unlike the goddess on the vase, all of the other pieces represent an actual woman with whom the artist had some sort of relationship.

Steiner said that this passion and interest took various forms depending on who was being portrayed, and the finished works

showcase how the artists decided to interpret and represent each woman.

"Typically, Rodin and Renoir became very intimate with their subjects," he said. He contrasted the way women were portrayed by these artists with the feel of *My Daughter Elizabeth* by American artist Frank Benson, which he describes as a joyous painting of a young woman the artist obviously adored.

The relationship, and sometimes dichotomy, between how the artists represented women and how women were viewed by the culture in general will provide the backbone of the event.

"I very much enjoy having someone say, 'hey, stop a minute—let's talk about this some more,'" he said. "I like my presentations to be conversational. I don't want to talk at people—I want to talk with them."

The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Northville Art House. The art house is located at 215 Cady St., next to the Northville Post Office. The charge for the event is \$10 per person. Dessert and coffee will be provided, but individuals are encouraged to bring a lunch with them.



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This week, five homes in Northville will be open for fortunate visitors during the Seventh Annual Northville Holiday Home Tour. Professional decorators, like Robert Newell of Robert Newell Designs in Waterford, above, have been working on the homes for weeks, readying them for the holidays in unique ways. The tour will continue from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13. Tickets are \$18 in advance and are available at several Northville locations. To charge tickets or for more information, phone the foundation office at (248) 374-0200. Proceeds from the event will help fund the rebuilding of Maybury Farm and other foundation efforts.

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Watershed Alliance nears OK

John Counts
Staff Writer

A bill that will help create watershed alliances across Michigan was approved unanimously by the State Senate last week.

Senate Bill 1432, introduced by State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), would allow communities to form state-recognized organizations to restore and protect lakes and rivers in their areas.

"This bill will allow and encourage local governments to cooperate in voluntary alliances to study, create and enact the best plans for a specific watershed," Patterson said.

The watershed alliances would allow communities within a watershed to join together on a volunteer basis to address surface water management issues, seek grants, gifts or contributions from public or private sources and advocate for local interests before federal, state and regional agencies.

It would not allow any of the organization to levy any taxes.

Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of the Environment, has been a supporter of the bill and said he is pleased to see the legislation approved.

"Communities throughout Michigan with storm water regulations will be able to benefit from this bill," Heise said.

Other supporters of the bill include the state Department of Environmental Quality, Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Van Buren Township, Canton Township and Wayne.

"This legislation would allow local governments to come together in a watershed alliance to make the process formal," said Dan Swallow, environmental director for Van Buren Township. "They have found that there is not much out there, so we have to go out and seek other funding. The local governments have to pool their own money."

The Friends of the Rouge is also supporting the bill. Executive Director Carolyne McCaughey said, "This will allow (alliances) more strength on the large issue of watershed management. That strength will be beneficial to all watersheds."

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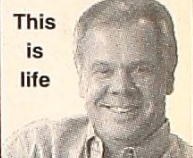
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I can relate to both sides because for years I was miserable as I fought the fears that attack us. No, not the kind of fear experienced looking into the barrel of a gun, but the not-so-little insecurities: Am I good enough? Will I lose my job? Will people like me? Do I have enough money? etc.

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heard from Mike Kalush, retired television cameraman, and honored old friend, who, for years made me look good on the boob tube.

Jerry, OK, OK, so, how do I feed the spirit?

I answered Mike, as follows: Send a check for \$250 to Jerry... "Seriously Mike, you feed the spirit by fishing at a fly-in camp in northern Canada. (Mike and I have been talking about it for years, and this year I've really been leaning on him to go.)

Gratitude feeds the spirit. Or, when you start feeling guilty for no reason, recognize that as an old picture that doesn't fit today. (Happens a lot to Catholics and Jews)

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Other ways include getting out of self, taking time to help someone else. Instead of talking about doing something, take immediate action. And, when you do make change, give yourself credit.

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1MELM5345PG612112
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1995 Ford Escort
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4 Door-Maroon
1P3XP28D7MN524137
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1G1JF52T3T7146369
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1FARP14J5RW274693
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1G4BP37Y6FH823006
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2G1FP22S4R2189157

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STA-WAGON - 04-4527
1986
1G3NT27UXGM325498
2 DOOR - 04-5570
1984 MERC BENZ
WDB1260371A072201
4 DOOR - 04-5635
1988 DODGE
1B4FK5030JX315009
STA-WAGON - 04-7255
2002 FORD EXPLORER
1FMZU63KX2UD47015
STA-WAGON - 04-7255
1989 STRICK
1S12E9530KG318075
TRAILER - 04-7453
1987 PONTIAC
1G2HZ513XHW216871

4 DOOR - 04-7861
1990 CHEVROLET
1GNCU06D7LT161032
STA-WAGON - 04-8933
1990 PONTIAC
1GMCU06D4LT240470
STA-WAGON - 04-10305
1995 HONDA CIVIC
1HGEJ222XSL014021
2 DOOR - 04-10447
1994 CHEVROLET
1GNDT13WXR2161981
STA-WAGON - 04-10448
1998 DODGE NEON
1B3ES47C6WD606641
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1MEBP87U8GG669144
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1989 FORD MD CON-VNTNL
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VAN - 04-10503
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1FDHF35F2VEC82065
UTILITY - 04-A-379
1999 FORD ESCORT
1FAPP13P5XW227072
4 DOOR - 04-A-900
1992 PONTIAC
1G2NE54N9NM007236
4 DOOR - 04-A-907
1988 FORD
1FABP64T9JH229281
2 DOOR - 04-A-910

On November 20, 2004, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1991 FORD PU
1FTCR10U5MPA16509
44-982-04
1997 PLYMOUTH 2D
1P3ES22C8VD133804
44-990-04
1993 MITSUBISHI 4D
JA3CH46D9PZ012546
44-1007-04
1988 DODGE VN
1B4FK5034JX327258
44-1015-04
1994 DODGE 2D
1B3AP64K4RN130718
44-1020-04
1996 CHEVROLET SW
1GNDT13W8T2257874
44-1043-04
1986 PONTIAC 4D
1G2AF19R9GT232183
44-1057-04
1985 OLDSMOBILE 2D
1G3NF27U3FC003491
44-1060-04
1989 PONTIAC 2D
G2JB11K2K7615930
44-1084-04
1977 FORD 4D
7B64S267225

44-1086-04
1988 LINCOLN 4D
1LNB82F8JY765808
44-1087-04
1981 CHEVROLET 2D
2G1AL47K9B1130899
44-1088-04
1987 CHRYSLER 4D
1C3BF66P7HX805113
44-1114-04
1988 HONDA 2D
JHME845QJS005668
44-1117-04

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1LNB82F8JY761505
44-1001-04
1995 FORD 2D
1FASP11J0SW332852
44-1012-04
1995 FORD 2D
1FASP1287SW181892
44-1013-04
1987 DODGE PU
JB7FL24D7HP026348
44-1018-04
1993 TOYOTA 4D
2T1AE09E9PC027394
44-1028-04
1992 PLYMOUTH SW
2P4GH4536NR661963
44-1031-04
1996 DODGE VN

2B7HB21X1TK141361
44-1047-04
1997 FORD VN
1FTJE34L4VHB05418
44-1049-04
1994 PONTIAC 2D
1G2NE1531RM569840
44-1069-04
1990 PONTIAC 2D
1G2JD14K4L7632770
44-1071-04
1992 FORD 2D
1FAPP11J4NW142787
44-1078-04
1986 OLDSMOBILE 4D
1G3AM19R1GD330295
44-1115-04

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2 DOOR - 04-10057
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LEBARON
1C3AA3633RF104663
4 DOOR - 04-10263
1992 FORD
1FAPP6043NH169153
2 DOOR - 04-10342
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SPORTS

Novi shuts down Canton in district championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It just wasn't meant to be.

Canton's fabled undefeated season came to a crashing close Friday night when the Novi Wildcats upset the Chiefs, 20-0, in the Division 1 district final at Canton.

It wasn't supposed to be that way, but Novi's speedy defense put an end to Canton's hopes of an extended season and a run at the state regional playoffs.

The Chiefs had plenty of opportunities to score, but failed to capitalize on them. Twice they found themselves inside Novi's 3-yard line and twice they were unable to find their way into the end zone.

"We moved the ball all right," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "We had a halfback pass for a touchdown called back, and we were stopped at the 2 and the 1. We could have had three touch-

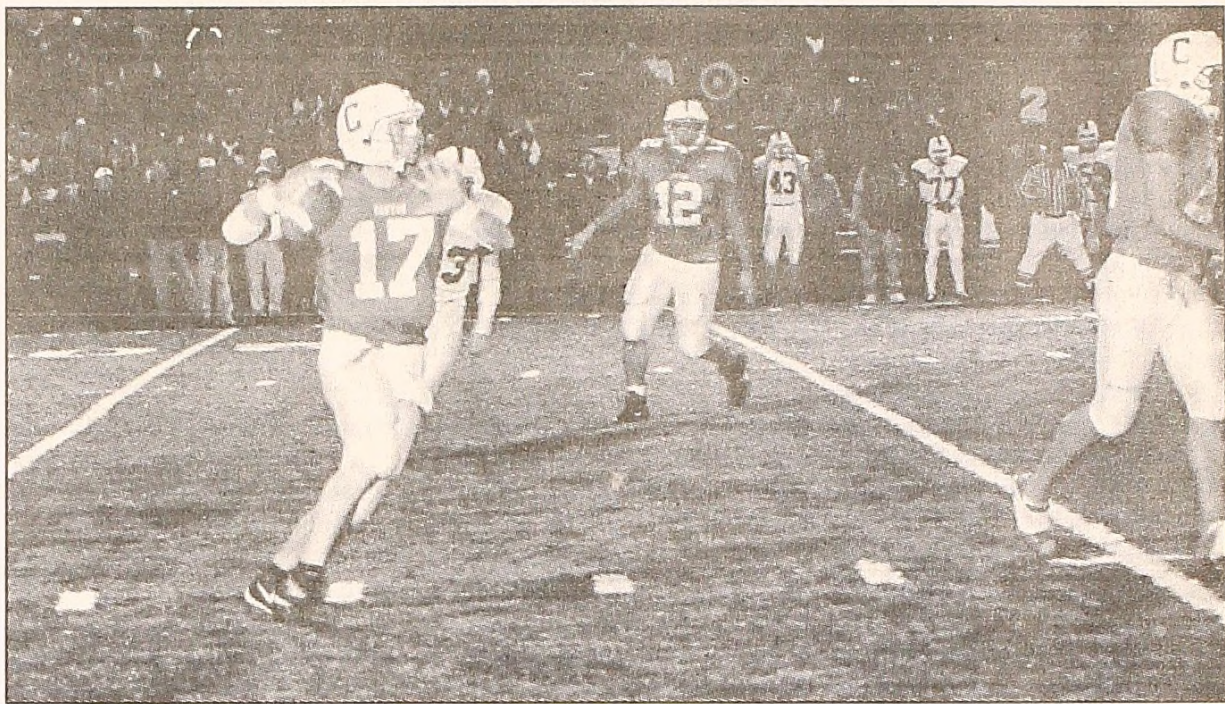
downs, but we didn't.

"They're a great team," he added. "We had our opportunities. I wouldn't say they stopped us, but they deserved to win."

Canton amassed more than 200 yards on offense, but their signature ground attack combination of Deshon McClendon, Julian Smith, Andy Rossow and Chuck Schumacher couldn't find daylight. The running force had few runs of more than 10 yards.

Canton fans are used to hearing the four aforementioned names time and time again. They were the offensive leaders that helped the Chiefs trudge to 10 victories this season. However, Friday night it seemed there was just one name blared over the loudspeaker of Canton's field: Cisko, Cisko, Cisko.

Kevin Cisko is Novi's quarterback, defensive back and punter. He scored all three of the Wildcat touchdowns. He accumulated



Canton's junior quarterback Shawn Little attempts a pass Friday night against Novi in an effort to get the Chiefs into the game. The Wildcats shut down the Chiefs' offense and won the Division 1 District Championship, 20-0.

almost 60 yards in rushing and scored on a 1-yard and on a 13-yard run. He also threw a 50-yard bomb to Chris Dalton for a score.

He was fierce on the defensive side of the ball, too. He grabbed an interception and made key tackles, including one that stopped

Canton on a fourth-and-goal attempt on Novi's 1-yard line with 18 seconds left in the first half.

He also recovered a fumble at midfield, which set up the 50-yard scoring pass that put Novi on the board 7-0.

On the next drive Canton

marched down to the 2-yard line. But this time Ryan Pritchard made the tackle for a loss and Novi recovered the ball on downs on their own 3-yard-line. It was Novi's turn for a long drive and

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Lady Eagles win 11th straight, top Edsel Ford, 70-42

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles continued their winning ways with a 70-42 victory against Edsel Ford at home last Tuesday. With the win, they remained undefeated in the Mega White conference (10-0) and extended their win streak to 11. They now have a 16-2 overall record.

The Eagles were in command in the first half. They scored 21 points, which gave them a 14-point lead. They really separated themselves in the second when they scored another 22 points to go up, 43-23, at halftime.

They didn't relent in the sec-

ond half, either. Romulus outscored Edsel Ford 16-9 in the third period of play - which made it a 59-32 game - and then they put the game away for good with an 11-point fourth quarter.

Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry said everyone contributed, which has been the strength of the team this year. It's been a complete team effort.

"We feel more confident this year than we did at this time last year," she said.

They should. Romulus had seven players contribute for 66 of the 70 points.

Senior point guard Paris Hawkins, still feeling no ill effects of a knee injury that

pulled her out of play for week, scored 14 with six assists and seven steals. Senior forward Ashley Sibby's ankle also appears to be 100 percent as she also scored 14.

Junior forward Landria Buckley continued with her stellar play with 12 points and six rebounds, while freshman forward Jasmine Brown added eight to the mix. Senior forward Candace Lawrence scored six and junior guard Kate Appel knocked in five.

Senior superstar Janiece Armstrong, at guard, spent more time on defense than offense in the outing, according to Henry. Usually a strong outside shooter,

she added seven points in the win but made five steals and spread the ball around with six assists.

"Janiece is really focusing on defense and moving the ball around, trying to get teammates involved," Henry said. "Instead of taking an easy shot she will pass the ball off to someone else. She's being a leader."

"I'm not concerned about her not scoring as much," she added. "I'm pleased with what she's doing. I think she'll get back to scoring when districts start."

In the meantime, she said that the girls, on and off the bench, are gaining confidence and are focused and getting into playoff

mode.

A major factor in the victory against Edsel Ford was the lack of turnovers on Romulus' part. The Eagles only accumulated six in the game, according to Henry.

"Because of our up-tempo type of game, turnovers happen," she said. "It's something we've been working on."

"We're playing with a lot of confidence and that's nice to see right now."

The Eagles have a tough week this week. On Tuesday night they played their arch nemesis, the Garden City Cougars. The results were unavailable at press time,

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Jennifer Schwartz (11) hits for two against Livonia Churchill last Thursday. The Rockets prevailed, 53-39.

Rockets blast Churchill Chargers, 53-29

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It hasn't been the best season for Mike Schuette and the John Glenn Rockets' hoopsters. It's tough being in one of the most competitive conferences in the state, the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA), but games like the one they played at home against Churchill last Thursday make it all worthwhile.

The Rockets blasted the Chargers 53-39 in a WLAA playoff game.

Their defense was stellar and kept Livonia to less than 15 points in the first half.

"We really played defense the way it's supposed to be played," Schuette said. "We had good positioning and forced Churchill to make errors on their part."

The defense, with strong play

from Alexandria Miller and Kiaya Montegue, limited the Chargers to just four points in the first quarter. They gave up only nine in the second, according to Schuette. Westland's offense wasn't too shabby, either. They raced to a 11-4 lead in the opening quarter and extended their lead with a 16-point second. They went in to halftime with a 27-13 lead.

Glenn faltered on both sides of the ball to start the second half. Livonia scored the first seven points in the third quarter to close the gap, 27-20. The Rockets got back on track after that. They scored 11 points and only allowed Churchill four more points. And the end of three, Glenn had a 38-24 lead.

Both teams scored 15 in the final quarter, but the damage was already done and the Rockets prevailed 53-39.

"We don't have a natural knack for getting the ball in," Schuette said about the improved defensive play. "So if we can get the points we can and hold the other team to less than what we score, then we'll be fine."

Heather Lindon had the knack to score against Churchill. She led the team with 14 points. Jennifer Schwartz contributed with a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Jasmine Grandberry added nine points in the victory.

The Churchill game was a huge comeback after they lost to cross-city rivals the Wayne Zebras last Tuesday. They lost by 30 points, according to Schuette. It was 25-5 after the first half. All five of Glenn's points came in the second quarter, he said.

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Mustangs fall to Salem, 53-23, trample Franklin, 55-34

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It wasn't just a tale of two games, it was a tale of two teams - Jekyll and Hyde - for the Northville Mustangs last week.

They first met the Salem Rocks last Tuesday and were pummeled 53-23. It's never a good combination when a struggling offense is met by a stout zone defense. That was the case when Northville's offense didn't gel and Salem's defense held Northville to zero points in the second and one point in the fourth quarter.

"There were several things that came into play in the Salem game," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "We did not shoot the ball very well and they shot over 50 percent and made six

threes.

"We didn't have school the day of the game," he added. "I always think getting out of the normal routine doesn't help. We were a step slow to everything all night."

Junior Simone Toney was the only Mustang to reach double digits in the game. She nearly scored half of the team's points with 11. She also had two steals.

Ellen Canale scored 17 and Cathryn Wheatly, 10, for Salem.

The loss was call for a makeover, whether it happen by potion, full moon or just plain hard work and a return to the normal routine.

Whatever it was, last Thursday they faced Livonia Franklin where they morphed into an offensive powerhouse and trampled the Patriots, 55-34.

Against Franklin, Northville

"We have been playing better lately, with the exception of Salem, so hopefully that will continue in the districts."

jumped ahead to a 13-10 lead after the first quarter. They built on their lead in the second and continued to press the Patriots on defense to force a commanding 29-17 halftime lead.

The offense didn't let up in the second half, either. The Mustangs scored 20 points and limited Franklin to eight in the third,

which made it a 49-25 game with only eight minutes left on the clock.

The offense finally simmered down and scored six points in the final period of play to Franklin's nine. It was enough, though, and the Mustangs pulled out a 55-34 victory.

Senior Evonna Karchon led the team with 12 points; she was 80 percent (4-of-5) from the line. Junior Lindsay Blair and sophomore Danielle Toney each added eight points. Simone Toney knocked down two three-pointers to help in the victory. The Toney sisters each had four steals, also.

Both games were a part of the Western Lakes Activities Association conference playoff. Northville finished the tournament against Walled Lake Central on Tuesday but the

results were unavailable at press time. They play Novi on Monday in the first round of the district playoffs. They lost to Novi by one point earlier in the season.

"We played a close game with Novi the first time," Wright said. "We have been playing better lately, with the exception of Salem, so hopefully that will continue in the districts."

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Eagles

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though. They play Dearborn tonight on the road. As of last week Dearborn was only one game behind Romulus in the conference standings. Henry said they have to

beat Dearborn in order to win the championship.

The real test will be when district competition starts next week in Garden City. Both John Glenn and Wayne receive a bye in the first round, along with the Belleville Tigers. Romulus, with the luck of the draw, will face off

against the Cougars again. It looks like the same scenario as last year, when Garden City knocked off the Eagles in the first round. However, Romulus hopes to have a different outcome this time around. If they win, they will have to take on Belleville in the second round.

"The girls don't seem to con-

cerned with the pairing," Henry said. "They have the mindset that we just have to beat Garden City and Belleville."

Rockets

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Glenn finished the WLAA tournament and the regular sea-

son against Walled Lake Western on Tuesday. However, the results were unavailable at press time.

The Rockets will receive a bye in the first round of district play but will have to face Wayne again next Thursday in Garden City.

"The good news is we only have one game this week and five or six days to practice and prepare for Wayne and hope we get better by then," Schuette said. "But Wayne will have the same amount of time to prepare."

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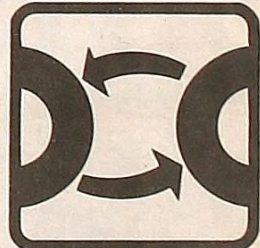
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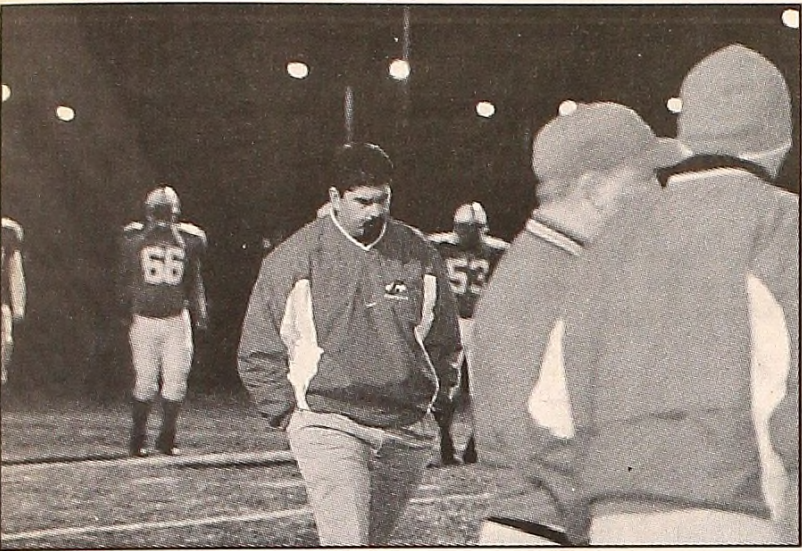
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Canton Coach Tim Baechler walks back onto the field after halftime. His Chiefs trailed the Novi Wildcats 14-0 at the start of the second half.

Chiefs - Canton playoffs cut short

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they took the ball 97 yards for a score. Cislo scored from 13 yards out at the end of the drive to make it a 14-0 game.

Canton was poised to strike again when they reached Novi's 1, but on a fourth-down play Cislo came up big and tackled Smith in the backfield.

In the third quarter, Cislo scored again on a 1-yard sneak that put the Wildcats up 20-0 with about three minutes left in the quarter.

On Canton's next drive they tried a little trickery, when quarterback Shawn Little handed off to Smith, who threw a halfback pass to McClendon for an apparent touchdown. But McClendon was called for offensive interference and the touch-

down was called back.

Cislo made his interception with a 1:38 left in the fourth quarter, but Canton had one last opportunity to score some points when Rossow recovered a fumble on Novi's 41 with just less than a minute left to go. Three plays later, the game ended and so did the dreams of a state championship for the Canton seniors.

The Chiefs could lose more than 20 players from the roster this year when they graduate. Key losses will be tight end and line backer Jake Powers; Smith; halfback and linebacker Jeff Hudson; Schumacher; and defensive tackle PJ. Caram.

"I feel bad for the seniors," Baechler said. "They're a great group and it's hard to see them go out like this."

Area swimmers place in conference

Last weekend marked the Western Lakes Activities Association conference swim meet. Livonia Stevenson turned in a stellar performance to win the competition with 598 points. Salem, Northville and Canton finished in second through fourth place, respectively. John Glenn finished seventh, Plymouth ninth and Wayne ended in eleventh place.

Salem's 200-yard medley relay team of Katie Myers, Kim Heaney, Ashley Aquinto and Amanda Newman finished second place behind Stevenson with a final's time of 1:55. Northville's team of Kathryn Kusuplos, Sara Carr, Alyssa Schwiring and Ashley Miller finished two seconds behind Salem for third place. Canton finished fifth, Wayne seventh, Plymouth eighth and Glenn ninth.

Alexandra Tereszczenko of Northville finished second in the 200-yard freestyle competition. Her final time of 1:56.84 was half-a-second behind Walled Lake Western's Haley Mitchell. Northville's Sara Carr finished third (2:01). Salem's Kathryn Gorman followed in fourth (2:03) and teammate Kate Musson came in sixth (2:07).

The 200-yard IM was a tight race - not even a second separated the top three places. Canton's Allison Schmitt finished second (2:13.04). She trailed first place winner Laura Timson of

Stevenson by .11 of a second and Salem's Kelsye Lincoln ended in third (2:13.69).

Jill Peterson from John Glenn won the 50-yard freestyle competition (25.33) with Canton's Izabela Paszkowska in third (26.56). Northville's Tanya Tereszczenko and Miller followed in fourth and fifth respectively.

Aquinto won the 1-meter diving competition for Salem with a final score of 355.40. Diving teammates Elena Gueorguiev and Sarah Bugosh finished fifth (281.65) and eighth (275.95). Rebecca Mills finished fourth (292.30) for Northville and Mina Pirzadeh placed sixth for Canton (280.80).

Canton's Schmitt won the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.74) while Salem's Heather Michalsen finished fourth (1:03.61).

Susan Patrick gave Canton a third-place win (57:00) in the 100-yard freestyle race. Northville's Kusuplos ended in fourth (57:51).

Northville's Carr finished behind Walled Lake Western's Mitchell for second place (5:25.17) and Salem's Gorman placed fourth (5:34.06).

Western's Mitchell also won the 500-yard freestyle by almost 22 seconds. Carr wrapped up second (5:34.06) while Salem's Gorman took third (5:34.06).

Stevenson captured the top two places in the 100-yard backstroke competition. Northville's

Kusuplos finished in third (1:04.09) and Canton's Alyssa Johnson was less than a second behind (1:04.44) for fourth place. Salem's Katie Meyers and Amy Benson trailed (1:07.36) and (1:07.13), fifth and sixth respectively.

Glenn's Peterson trailed Stevenson's Brynn Marecki by half a second to win second place (1:07.84) in the 100-yard breaststroke race. Salem's Linclon finished third (1:09.74).

Canton's team of Susan Patrick, Paszkowska, Laura Landis and Schmitt were champions of the 200-yard free relay competition with a final time of 1:44.25. Salem's team of Lincoln, Alexandra Stencel, Michalson and Newman were hot on their trail for second place (1:44.89). And Northville's Ashley Miller, Chelsea Miller, Tanya Tereszczenko and Alexandra Tereszczenko finished third (1:45.85).

Stevenson won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:43.07. Northville's team of Kusuplos, Tanya Tereszczenko, Alexandra Tereszczenko, Carr, Ashley Miller, Chelsea Miller and Sarah Bardsley placed second (3:47.80). Canton's Patrick, Paszkowska, Monica Blaesser, Schmitt, Landis, Johnson, Molly Dowd and Alissa Vermeulen finished third (3:47.80). Salem placed fourth (3:48.74) and John Glenn placed fifth (3:55.59).

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Thomas Kuderik, Romulus Board of Education trustee and Flyer freshmen assistant coach is proud of his team's 8-1 record. First row (from left)—Jeremy Frayer, David Druyor, Zachary Yax, Arthur Carter, Jr. and J'Lont'E Cook. Second row (from left)—Levi Eddings, Anthony Bussel and Jeremy Horne.



Romulus Flyers freshmen cheerleader coach April Frayer (right) is also vice president of the Romulus Board of Education. Junior Varstiy coach Vicki Satterlee stands to her left. The squad includes: First row (from left)—Tieora Harris, Ashley Kendrick, Madeline Satterlee, Hunter Mason and Hannah Satterlee. Second row (from left)—Kaitlin Sparks, Alex Moore, Maya Davis and Caniya Wilson.

Romulus Flyers soar to 8-1 season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

April Frayer, Romulus Board of Education vice president, and Trustee Thomas Kuderik are enjoying coaching the Romulus Flyers freshmen football and cheerleading teams this season. The little league Flyer team is a part of the Downriver Football Association.

And what a year they are having.

The team recently finished the

regular season with a 7-1 record tied for first place with Riverview and Grosse Ile. Last Saturday, the Flyers defeated Riverview 38-12 to advance to the finals against Dearborn Heights.

Kuderik, an assistant coach with the Flyers, has been upbeat about the freshmen Flyers all year.

"I could see the potential we had and it was really gratifying to see our 9 and 10-year-old kids mature and come together as such an outstanding team," he

said. "You can't believe how fast some of our players are."

Frayer is the head cheerleader coach and is equally proud of her squad.

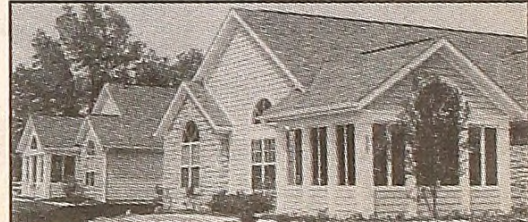
Before a recent game she had them demonstrate a new cheer she introduced the night before and they all had it down, she said.

"My girls are very enthusiastic and eager to learn," she said. "I really enjoy working with our cheerleaders and continue to be impressed with their spirit."

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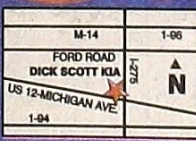
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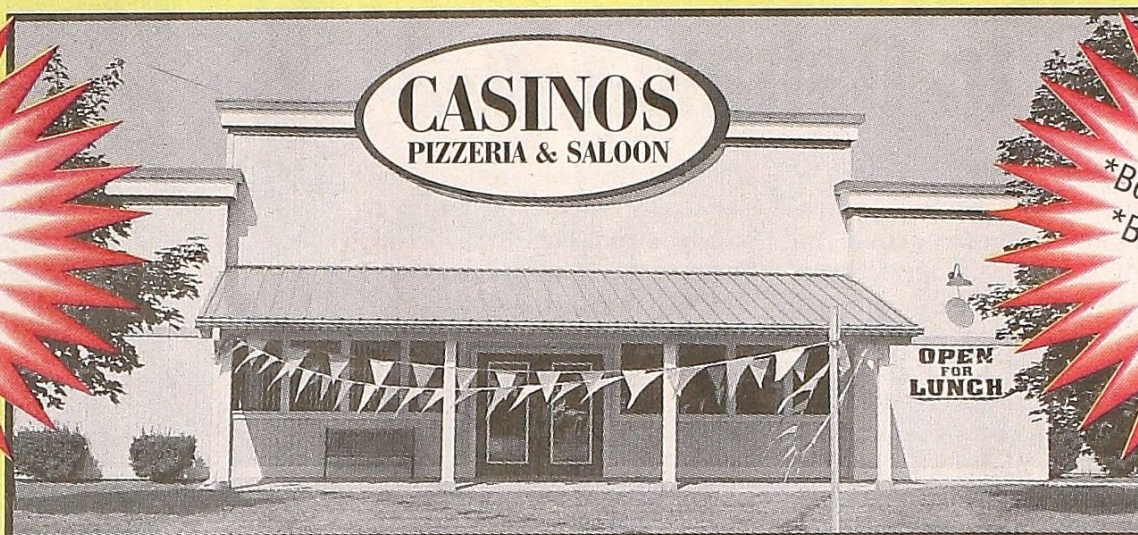
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